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Applicant : Richard S. Ginn  
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Title : NEEDLE APPARATUS FOR CLOSING SEPTAL DEFECTS AND METHODS  
FOR USING SUCH APPARATUS  
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

The following is in response to the Office Action mailed 12 January 2009:

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